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vestments in the Middle East oil industry have been a cone component of the U.S. position in the international economy. (See *Survey of Current Business* for examples)

Looked at another way, the Middle East represented an average 3% of all U.S. direct investment between 1965 and 1975 (excluding 1974), but between 20% - 25% of total earnings from direct investment abroad. In recent years, the Middle East has taken over 10% of total U.S. exports, in addition to purchases from U.S. multinational corporations based abroad. Beyond the realm of other statistics, the refining and marketing activities of the U.S. oil grants in Europe and the world are promised on supplies of Middle Eastern oil. The functional dependence of the main industrial countries - the prime locus for overseas investment and trade activities of U.S. corporations - is practically incalculable.

The vulnerability of U.S. capital to developments in the Middle East, Europe, and elsewhere cor-

responds in time with a protracted period of stagnation and contraction in the world economy. The consequent inability of the U.S. - as well to resolve its economic difficulties by tapping into an expanding world market intensifies political conflict domestically as working and poor people confront an alarming deterioration in their living conditions.

The concrete material interests of U.S. capital in the Middle East are thus refracted and amplified through a multiple set of contradictions at the domestic and international levels. The very complete and intractable character of these crisis impels the current (and prospective) U.S. political leadership to seize upon the notice of military intervention as a "fix" that will simultaneously divert popular attention from the structural roots of the crisis and scare off potential challenges to the prevailing political order in the Middle East.

The Carter Doctrine is a reflexive and clumsy confrontation with the trajectory of social forces in the Middle East region, and thus with history. The U.S. possesses the physical tools for military intervention but the correlation of political forces in the region and in the world does not endow such intervention with much promise of success. The great danger is that technological proficiency might be substituted for a comprehensive appreciation of the situation, especially as the political and economic crisis widens and deepens in this country.

Words of Wisdom

"I've already spoken about the anti-nuclear power people and the fact that behind the scenes they are being manipulated by forces sympathetic to the Soviet Union..."

— Ronald Reagan

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Ruth Gordon is wonderful as Clifford's paternal grandmother. She tends to over-drink and to make overtures to the male guests in the hotel, much to the chagrin of the personnel in the high office. She cannot be called senile, however, since she makes some poignant remarks to her grandson whom she adores. Mrs. Peache is merely an old lady who "is afraid not to be alive," remarks Clifford to his friend.

A warm-hearted, sincere, tender film, *My Bodyguard* can be enjoyed by all ages. People viewing become deeply involved and leave the theatre with the idea that violence *does* pay...sometimes.

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The Little Station That Could

by Beaver Dave

Once upon a time, at a small liberal-arts college in sleepy suburban New Jersey, there was a poor, struggling radio station. Submerged deep in the bowels of cavernous Tolley Hall, the eleven-member executive board of WMNJ flailed their whips over the raw backs of the forty disc-jockeys, sports-casters, publicists, and engineers. The atrocities, noticed by few of the school's students, were cared about by even fewer. But one fine autumn day, an article appeared in the school newspaper. And ever since that fateful day, the

poor radio station and its battered staff have enjoyed the support and attention of all the students and many open-minded people from the surrounding communities.

"What?" you ask, opening your Woods-fogged eyes, "What could the article have said to create such an effect on apathetic students and other dull souls?"

Well, it merely told the truth. First it explained about WMNJ's listener-oriented functions. It mentioned the station's responsiveness to the community, along with the fact that its FCC-issued license doesn't allow for advertisements. (All the readers cheered.)

Next, the article elaborated on the station's commitment to offer services to all non-profit organizations, explaining that, in its more-than-twelve-hour-broadcasting-day, WMNJ offers a wide musical variety, many educational programs, and communications opportunities for students. But when it mentioned Dr. Von der Heide's jazz show, those face-feeding readers almost forgot about their broccoli souffles.

Everyone drew a breath while reading about the little station's line of local sportscasts, including Rangers basketball, pressbox on Sundays, and Bert's predictions. The description of Thirsty-Ear live concerts, theatre-comedy, and live broadcasts from the coffee house also caused a considerable stir.

But when the article closed with an invitation to follow the "Adventures of Mike Rodot", a famed space and time traveler who relates his experiences in the eternal now, everyone threw down the paper, abandoned dishes of ice-cream, and dashed off to tune in 88.9 fm, WMNJ in Madison, New Jersey on a personal radio.

German Film Three Showings

The Lost Honor of Katherine Blum, a prize-winning film following closely the novel of the same name by Nobel Prize author Henrich Boell, will be shown Tuesday evening, November 18 and twice on Wednesday, November 19 at Drew University, admission free. In German with English subtitles, the film begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and at 7 and 9 p.m. on Wednesday in the University Center.

The story, with a suspenseful ending, is about a young woman who has fought her way from poverty and falls in love with a young man who is wanted by the police. The movie tells of her brutal handling by the police after she helps her lover escape, and the scandal that results.

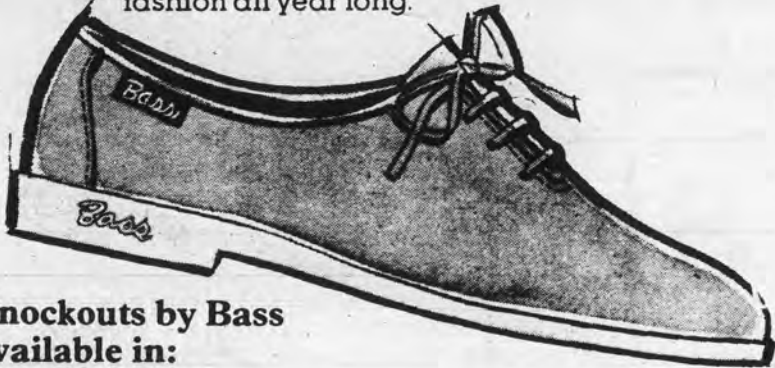
More Words of Wisdom

"I've always thought that the best thing the Government can do is nothing."

— Ronald Reagan

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